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REPRESENTATIVE SCHAKOWSKY RECEIVES ASSURANCES FROM INS COMMISSIONER MEISSNER THAT HUBBING PLAN HAS BEEN DROPPED

WASHINGTON, D.C. U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) received assurances today from Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Commissioner Doris Meissner that the controversial "hubbing" proposal has been dropped. The meeting took place in Schakowsky's Capitol Hill office.

From the start, immigrants rights advocates and Representative Schakowsky opposed the hubbing plan, which would have relocated, based on ethnicity, people slated for deportation and those seeking asylum in the United States.

"The plan posed a serious threat to the civil and legal rights of immigrants. I am pleased to hear first hand from Commissioner Meissner that it has been scrapped. It was an ill-conceived plan and I look forward to working with her and all of the other stakeholders in coming up with a system to deal with deportees and asylees that is fair, humane, and efficient," said Schakowsky.

"My district has more different immigrant populations than any in the state. Ninety percent of the problems that constituents bring to my office relate to the INS. I am determined to be an effective advocate for them, and will continue to seek cooperation from the INS," added Schakowsky.